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Applicant(s): Lap-Wai CHOW, et al.) Re: Information Disclosure Statement

In accordance with the Applicants' duty to disclose information which may be material to the examination of this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that the Examiner consider on the merits the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (modified). We are enclosing herewith a copy of each document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (modified).

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The person making this statement is the practitioner who signs below on the basis of information supplied by an individual associated with the filing and prosecution of this application (37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c)) and on the basis of information in the practitioner's file.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures: Form PTO-1449 (modified) (5 pages)

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